

**BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL
FOR THE PROPOSED QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT PLAN**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of re-notified Stage 1
submissions: Gertrude's
Saddlery Limited and
Larchmont
Developments Limited
at Arthurs Point

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL
SEEKING LEAVE FOR RICHARD BOND TO NOT ATTEND THE COUNCIL HEARING**

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INTRODUCTION

1. This memorandum of counsel is filed on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (**Council**) in relation to the hearing on the Gertrude's Saddlery Limited (**GSL**) and Larchmont Developments Limited (**Larchmont**) submissions on Stage 1 of the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan (**PDP**).
2. The purpose of this memorandum is for the Council to seek leave for one of its experts, Mr Richard Bond, to not attend the council hearing scheduled for 1 – 3 February 2023.
3. Mr Bond has provided a short statement of geotechnical and natural hazard evidence. He concludes that the qualitative level of risk posed to the submission site is low, and the rezoning is not opposed from his perspective.
4. No contradictory evidence has been filed and geotechnical / natural hazards are not considered to be an issue. If, after reading Mr Bond's evidence, the Panel has no questions of Mr Bond, the Council respectfully seeks that Mr Bond be excused from appearing at the council hearing.
5. This approach would contribute to an efficient hearing process and would also minimise cost to the Council, as Mr Bond could avoid flying to Queenstown for the hearing.

DIRECTIONS SOUGHT

6. If the Panel has no questions for Mr Bond, the Council respectfully seeks that Mr Bond be excused from appearing at the council hearing.

DATED 19th day of January 2023



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